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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	<b>Transit Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adds, modifies or deletes various projects with various funding sources in Kern County. The amendment includes projects with funding from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Program.</li></ul>

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

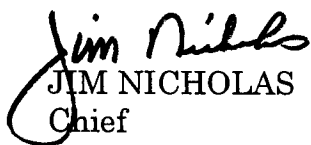
The updated programming, except project # KER000502, is for project types within Table 2 & 3 – Exempt Projects of 40CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Per FHWA, the non-exempt project KER00502, will be considered exempt because the project would not have an adverse effect on air quality and since CNG fueling stations cannot be included in air quality models. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by

KCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The KCOG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment. Please note that the attached project listing for this amendment was printed by Caltrans as KCOG's original attachment omitted project #KER970502 due to technical difficulty in CTIPS.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



JIM NICHOLAS  
Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
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